

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**

To

All Superintendents of Police & F.R.O.,  
All Commissioners of Police & F.R.O.,  
The Deputy Commissioner of Police, SB, F.R.R.O., Mumbai.

No.RGF-2007/CR-250/FOR-I,

Home Department,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.  
Dated :12.06.2007.

Subject :- Liberalization of the Visa Regime regarding grant of Research Visa.

Reference :- 1) Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, letter  
No.Z-11025/64/2003/ E Mig, dated 28.12.2006.  
2) Govt. letter of even number dated 16.04.2007.

As per the directions of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs in regard to liberalization Research Visa, instructions have been issued you vide Government letter referred to above, according to which the State Government and F.R.R.O. were delegated the powers in respect of paras 57 of the (copy enclosed) of the visa manual permitting the Research visa.

However, it was observed by the Ministry of Home Affairs that such foreign research scholars while in India, face difficulty in getting extension despite having valid documentary evidence from the Nodal sponsoring Ministry for extension of the tenure of the project. It has also been brought to the notice of this Ministry that even after completion of the research project, such scholars often need short-term extensions to complete the final formalities.

In order to obviate the difficulties of foreign scholars and provide greater facilitation, you are hereby empowered to grant extension of visa. You are, therefore requested to exercise these delegated powers by taking appropriate decision in case presented to you by foreigner research scholars.

Only such cases, wherein F.R.O.s feel they need clearance of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for specific reasons and are not within their delegated powers, should be forwarded to this Department for onward submission to Government of India.

  
( S.S. Sankhe )

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Government of Maharashtra.

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The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.  
The Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.  
The Commissioner of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.  
The Commissioner, State Intelligence Department, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.